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COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 28th March, 2018

No.2429–TRN-LC-MISC-0076/2017/T.— The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.243 of 2005 with WP(C) No.228 of 2006 in the matter of accessibility of the disabled persons in public transport as stipulated in the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016 have passed the judgment on December 15, 2017 which *inter alia*, contains the following direction:

"10% of Government owned public transport carriers are to be made fully accessible by March,2018. Here again Section 41 of the Disabilities Act, 2016 provides for comprehensive accessibility in all modes of transport including but not remitted to the bus transport. Therefore, it becomes the duty of the Union, States as well as Union Territories to ensure that all Government buses are disabled friendly in accordance with the Harmonized Guidelines. Likewise, the respondents are duty bound to see that private buses also become disabled friendly".

In pursuance of the aforesaid direction of the Hon'ble Court the State Government is pleased to decide that all new buses purchased by Odisha State Road Transport Corporation as well as by private owners shall comply the new provisions for accessibility of persons with disability as per the Harmonized Guidelines issued by Ministry of Urban Transport, Govt. of India by 10th May,2018.

By Order of the Governor

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